

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

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Examiner

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-4, 10-13 and 16-19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

This communication is in response to applicant's paper filed on 09/21/2007.

#### **Status of Claims:**

Claims 1, 5-9, and 14-15 are cancelled.

Claims 2-4, 10-13, and 16-19 are pending.

Note: Examiner deleted a word "means" from the method claim 11 without applicant's permission to expedite the prosecution. Examiner assumes this is a typo error, if applicant has an objection he/she should inform the examiner and provide a fix by amending the claim.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 2-4, 10-13, and 16-19 are pending and have been allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter allowance:

Independent claims 10 and 11 and their dependent claims 2-4, 16-17 and claims 11-13, 18-19 are allowed because the closes prior art of record and references Pitroda (US 5,884,271), Boothby (US 2001/0014893 A1), Kitagawa et al. (US 6,032,857), and Hurta et al (US 6,317,721) in any combination failed to teach or render obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art a electronic money system and method for storing electronic money data and utilization data directly onto an information card (such as: smart card or IC card) using plurality of deposit terminals, where utilizing-history data relates to

deposits, withdrawals, balance, dialing money information, log type information, key version information (as defined in spec – encryption version of transaction), and etc as disclosed in the claims, and

gathering the utilization-history data from the electronic money terminals wherein the utilization-history data from each of the said plurality of electronic money terminals is processed within a specific electronic money terminal that occurs independently of the reading of the utilization-history data and withdrawal of the electronic money data by the electronic money terminals for authorization of withdrawal, and comparing a first set of utilization-history data gathered from a first electronic money terminal with a second set of utilization-history data gathered from a second electronic money terminal, wherein the first set of utilization-history data includes first data for a first transaction between the first electronic money terminal and the information card and the second set of utilization-history data includes second data for a second transaction between the second electronic money terminal and the information card.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harish T. Dass whose telephone number is 571-272-6793. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:50 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Abdi Kambiz can be reached on 571-272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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